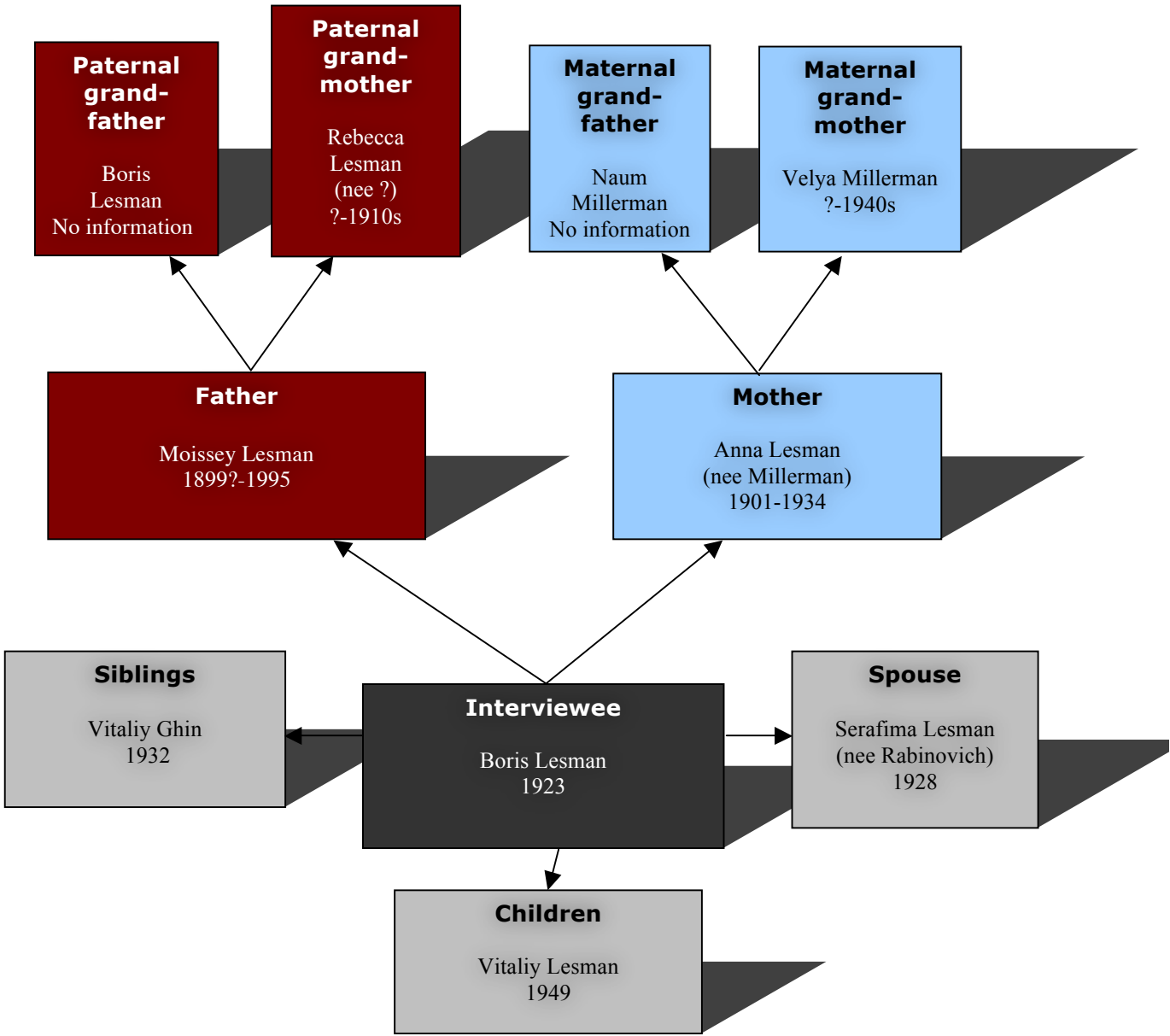


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Boris Lesman (m)

Where and when were you born?

Kerch (Crimea, Russia, now Ukraine), 1923

Where else did you live?

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy
Kherson (now Ukraine)
Leningrad (St. Petersburg)

Your educational level?

Graduated from the Naval School named after Frunze

What sort of work do/did you do?

Kerch, research hydrographic group, specialist in hydrography (engineer)
Danube Military River Flotilla, postwar creeping, naval officer
Kamchatka, specialist in hydrography (engineer)
Leningrad, Central Navy Cartographic Department, chief editor

What was the level of religiosity in your parent's home? How were you raised?

The family was assimilated, Boris Lesman got only secular education. He never visited synagogue. He knew nothing about his Jewish origin. Boris got to know that his father's name was Moissey (not Mikhail) only when they exchanged Komsomol-membership cards. His grandmother knew Yiddish and talked to her daughter in Yiddish. But neither Boris, nor his father knew Yiddish. Their family was absolutely not religious, because they lived among Russians. Abram, uncle of Boris, whom he often visited observed Jewish traditions, but wore ordinary (secular) clothes (a suit of clothes and a tie); he had no payes; Uncle Abram celebrated all Jewish holidays; he could read Hebrew well; he was religious. Russian tsar Nicolas II held him in high respect and offered him a post of minister

(sure, in case he denied his faith and accepted Christianity), but Abram refused.

What is your mother tongue?

Russian

How many languages do you speak?

Russian

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Served in the Red Army in Leningrad; was in evacuation in Astrakhan and in Baku; fought against fascists at Stalingrad and Ukraine front-lines

Siblings

Their names

Vitaliy Ghin (m) - stepbrother (son of the second father's wife)

Where and when were they born?

Kerch (Ukraine), 1932

What is their mother tongue?

Russian

Their educational level?

Building College in Moscow

Their occupations?

Engineer in New York. In 1989 he received a special certificate of The Best Engineer of New York

Where do/did they live?

New York, the USA

Where else did they live?

Kerch (now Ukraine)

Chapaevsk since 1941

Chelyabinsk? in 1950s

Do they have children?

Andrew (m) – son of his wife

Vadim Ghin (m)

Spouse

Name?

Serafima Lesman (nee Rabinovich)

Where and when was he/she born?

Mogilev (now Belarus), 1928

Where else did he live?

Sevastopol (now Ukraine)

Tuapse

Simferopol (now Ukraine)

Izmail (now Ukraine)

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy

Kherson (now Ukraine)

Leningrad

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Russian

His/her educational level?

Graduated from the Leningrad College of Soviet Trade and Economy

Occupation?

A financier

Children

Their names?

Vitaliy Lesman (m)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews?

He was brought up not as a Jewish child, but he knows that he is a Jew

Where and when were they born?

Sevastopol, 1949

Where else did they live?

Kherson (now Ukraine)

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy

Leningrad

Their educational level?

Graduated from the Leningrad Electrotechnical College

Their occupations?

A chief of computer center, a lieutenant on board a rocket warship

After that he became a civilian engineer

How many grandchildren do you have?

Mikhail Lesman (m)

Father

His name?

Moissey Lesman

Where and when was he was born?

Melitopol (now Ukraine), 1899

Where else did he live?

Kherson (now Ukraine)

Kerch (now Ukraine)

Chapaevsk

Simferopol (now Ukraine)

Leningrad

Where and when did he die?

St. Petersburg, 1995

What sort of education did he have?

Finished secondary school

Finished juridical courses

What sort of work did he do?

An investigator in OGPU [Joint State Political Directorate]

A civilian legal adviser at a military training ground

A lawyer in Simferopol (Crimea) in regional consumers union

What was his level of religiosity?

He was absolutely assimilated. He did not observe tradition, did not speak Yiddish

What was his mother tongue?

Russian

Army service: Which army and what years?

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Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

Name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Samuil Lesman (m)	No information, 1897? / Leningrad, 1970s	Before 1917: served in the tsarist army After the Revolution of 1917: worked at a photo studio	Maria Lesman (f) (nee ?), a Jewess, a physician. During the WWII medical service major and chief of a hospital train	Adelaida ? (f) (nee Lesman) Born in 1922, died in St. Petersburg in 2002	They were assimilated
Emanuil Lesman (m)	No information, 1901? / Leningrad, 1941	Worked at Electrossila factory	Antonina (f) (nee ?), Russian	Irina ? (f) (nee Lesman) Marina Sadikova (f) (nee Lesman)	They were assimilated
Vitalia Lesman (f)	No information / Leningrad, 1970s	An architect, worked in Sverdlovsk, Leningrad	Not married		They were assimilated
Deborah Lesman (f)	No information / Leningrad, 1970s	A pianist	Not married		They were assimilated
Isaac Lesman (m)	No information / Leningrad, 1970s	Head of department in the tram depot named after Leonov	Valentina Lesman (nee Vostryak), a physician	Vladimir Lesman (m)	They were assimilated

Where was he during the Holocaust?

In evacuation he worked at a military training ground in Chapaevsk

Paternal grandfather

Your father's father name?

Boris Lesman

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

No information

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

There is no information about places of his work: he was a poet. One of books of his poems was issued in 1890.

What was his level of religiosity?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

No information

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

Abram Lesman (m); no information about the date of his birth; died in Leningrad in 1937; he lived in Petrograd (later Leningrad); his wife was Polina Lesman (nee ?); they had no children

Semen Lesman (m); no information about the date of his birth; died in Leningrad in 1950s; he lived in Petrograd (later Leningrad); was evacuated during the war; he had a son Moissey Lesman

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your father's mother's name?

Rebecca Lesman (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Kerch (now Ukraine)

Where and when did she die?

Kerch, 1910s

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

She was an owner of a bookstore in Kerch (now Ukraine)

What was her level of religiosity?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

No information

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Anna Lesman (nee Millerman)

Where and when was she was born?

Place is unknown, 1901

Where else did she live?

Kerch (now Ukraine)

Kherson (now Ukraine)

Where and when did she die?

Kerch (now Ukraine), 1934

What sort of education did she have?

Finished primary school

What sort of work did she do?

A typist (after the Revolution of 1917)

A house wife (after marriage)

What was her level of religiosity?

She was assimilated, did not observe Tradition, but knew Yiddish

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish? Russian?

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

Name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Semen Millerman (m)	Place and date of birth are unknown / place of death is unknown, 1970s	Director of a fish-factory on Sakhalin	No information	No information	No information
Lev Millerman (m)	Place and date of birth are unknown / Leningrad, 1952	A bookkeeper, a financier. During the war at the front he was a chief of financial department at a division (a captain, later a major)	Galina Millerman (f) (nee Simkina), a Jewess	Valentina ? (f) (nee Millerman) Anna ? (f) (nee Millerman)	They were assimilated: did not wear traditional clothes, did not observe Tradition
Vera MoukomeI (f) (nee Millerman)	Place and date of birth are unknown / Odessa, date of death is unknown	No information	Yanya MoukomeI (m), a Jew	Leonid MoukomeI (m)	They were assimilated
Elizaveta? (f) (nee Millerman)	Place and date of birth are unknown / Tashkent, 1980s	No information	No information	No information	No information
Sofia ? (f) (nee Millerman)	Place and date of birth are unknown / fascists hanged her during the WWII in Pervomaysk (now Ukraine)	No information	No information	Naum ? Place of birth is unknown, 1923? / fascists hanged him during the WWII in Pervomaysk (now Ukraine)	They were assimilated

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandfather

Your mother's father's name?

Naum Millerman

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Kherson (now Ukraine)

Where and when did he die?

No information

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

No information

What was his level of religiosity?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

No information

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

No information

Maternal grandmother

Your mother's mother's name?

Velya Millerman (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Kherson (now Ukraine)

Kerch (now Ukraine)

Pervomaysk (now Ukraine)

Where and when did she die?

Pervomaysk (now Ukraine), 1940s

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

A house wife

What was her level of religiosity?

She did not observe Tradition, but her mother tongue was Yiddish and she spoke very poor Russian. When Mother cooked very good pork, she used to say 'Mum, eat it, it is beef.' And my grandmother ate it with pleasure, though she knew it all along (we used to laugh at her, on the sly).

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Fascists hanged her during the WWII in Pervomaysk (now Ukraine), where she lived